

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: § Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Gopal B. Avinash §  
Serial No.: Unassigned §  
Filed: Herewith §  
Prior Application Serial No.: 10/058,615 §  
Prior Application Filed: January 28, 2002 §  
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR § Atty Docket: GEMS:0190-1/SWA  
MITIGATING IMAGE NOISE WITH § 120773CONT.  
MULTI-ENERGY IMAGE §  
DECOMPOSITION §  
(Formerly: A ROBUST AND §  
EFFICIENT DECOMPOSITION §  
ALGORITHM FOR DIGITAL X-RAY §  
DE IMAGING) §

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Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examining the above-referenced continuation application, please amend the specification and claims as set forth below.